

COUNCIL CLINGS
TO WARD SYSTEM
FOR STREET FUND

New Rules Seem to Have Reached Cobweb Stage. Coming Changes in City Government.

Municipal schedules for this week open with a called meeting of the Council on Monday night and the regular monthly session of the Board of Aldermen to-morrow night. The lower branch is called to receive the message of the Mayor vetoing a part of the Blues' armory proposition; it is generally conceded that the body will override the veto.

A considerable docket faces the Aldermen, perhaps the most important item being the proposed concurrence in accepting the compromise on electorates. Though many members of both branches are not fully satisfied with the agreement, they seem to think it the best that can be done under the circumstances, and that a settlement of the question is preferable to longer litigation. Perhaps the greatest weakness in the compromise plan was pointed out by Councilman Don Leavy—that it applies to water mains only, apparently leaving the gas mains open to challenge from the streets without recourse on the part of the city.

Clinging to Ward System.

From the action taken by the Common Council last week it seems probable that the new rules are shelved at least as far as this body is concerned. Drawn up by a special committee after a rather lengthy session, the proposed regulations institute many changes which commend themselves to members of both branches.

The rock on which they foundered, however, was the provision changing the composition of the Street Committee and the distribution of street funds by wards. The new rules proposed that the Street Committee be composed of five Aldermen and six Councilmen, as in the case of other committees, the members to be appointed by the president without reference to ward lines; the old rules require one Councilman and one Alderman from each ward on the Street Committee, thus making a ward delegation of which the members are to be chosen from the street funds apportioned to that ward. It seems evident that the present Council is not in the humor to give up the ward system.

No new business is likely to be introduced at this time, and the session is now being made to clear the decks and leave as far as possible a clean sheet for the incoming Council, which, with Mayor Richardson, will take its seat on September 1st. To the new Council will go the credit or discredit of opening of the settling basin some time this fall; to the incoming body will also be handed the problem of reorganizing the City Home and Hospital, the necessity for which was shown in the report of the committee on the public school buildings, declared to be in unsafe condition by the Building Inspector, is a problem also handed on without any attempt having been made to solve it beyond the report of the committee, which confirmed the report of the Inspector.

Important Matters. The fulfillment of the city's pledge to build an armory for the Blues, the erection of the municipal electric power plant and the reconstruction of the High School building are among the large enterprises outlined by the present Council and turned over to its successor for completion.

With the beginning of Judge Richardson's administration, thirteen new faces will be seen in the lower branch, largely changing the complexion of that body and rendering its attitude on a number of pending propositions doubtful. Councilman Graham Hobson, who with Dr. E. G. Williams, led an untiring fight for the reorganization of the City Home, and Councilman E. Douglas Richardson, son of the new Mayor are advanced to the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Hobson taking the seat of the late Charles D. Lacy, the incumbent term of whom has been filled by Colonel A. S. Buford, Jr. Mr. Richardson succeeds Mr. John Mann, of Marshall Ward, who was not a candidate for reelection.

The New Members. New men in the lower branch will be John A. Selph, of Jefferson, who defeated W. T. Atkinson; Kirkwood Mitchell, of Henry, who won over Maj. Hudson Cary; John Hirschberg, of Jefferson, who takes the seat of H. C. Gentry; J. J. Barker, of Henry, who succeeds Graham Hobson in the lower branch; J. Randolph Tucker, who succeeds John P. Lea, of Monroe Ward, who did not stand for reelection; John Powers, who won over E. W. Minner, of Ward 10; C. Gentry, twice the choice of his ward over John Grimes; Claude Ratcliffe, who takes the seat of General A. L. Phillips, of Lee Ward, who retired; George Rogers, of Marshall Ward, who succeeds E. R. Fuller, of the lower branch; J. J. Barker, who succeeds David Meade White, of Madison, who was not a candidate for reelection; and E. R. Fuller, who won over William L. White in Madison.

New men who have recently been seated in the Common Council are John Cutchins, who succeeded James E. Cannon; George Wise, who took the seat of Cliff Well; and Dr. Frank Reade, who succeeded Dr. Ennon G. Williams.

DR EVANS IS WARMLY
GREETED AT ST. PAUL'S

The Rev. Dr. W. E. Evans, formerly rector of Monumental Episcopal Church, of Richmond, but now of Birmingham, Ala., preached both sermons at St. Paul's Church yesterday to large congregations. At each service it was noticeable that the assembly included many of the Monumental communicants who came to hear and greet him again.

For the morning sermon, Dr. Evans preached upon the importance of following the commands of God, showing that a failure to do so always brings punishment. As an example, he said, people are commanded to eat; if they do not the punishment is bodily. They are also commanded to pray, though not perceptible physically, are none the less sure and should be guarded against with more care because the warning is not so direct.

Dr. Evans has consented to fill the pulpit of St. Paul's for five Sundays in the absence of the rector, the Rev. R. W. Forsyth, who is away on his vacation. During the time he will live on his place in Chester county, coming into the city each week for the Sunday services.

Richmond Grays as They Appeared in Government Camp at Chickamauga Recently



PICTURE OF COMPANY A, OF RICHMOND, SEVENTIETH VIRGINIA REGIMENT, TAKEN AT CAMP WILLIAM H. TAFT.

Top row reading from left to right: First Sergeant Johnson, Cook Miller, Sergeant Eggleston, Sergeant Bottoms, Private Walthall, Private Kelley, Private Gibson, Private Farmer, Private Cosley, Private Robinson, Private Gilman, Private McMillan, Private Rader, Private Beale, Private Lord, Corporal Faulkner, Private Herbert, Sergeant Lanzone, Sergeant Krouse, Private Shipley, Private Smith, Private Luffey, Private Powell, Musciana Hubbard, Corporal Polley, Corporal McIne, Private Lewis, Private Thomas, Corporal Barber, Musciana Cheatham. Bottom row, left to right: Major Hudson Cary, Captain Herbert, First Lieutenant C. Boshen, Second Lieutenant Mitchell.

COTTON MEN TO MEET
HERE IN NOVEMBER

Convention Cannot Come, But Governors Select This City For Next Session.

TOBACCONISTS IN OCTOBER

Manufacturers of Weed From All Parts of United States to Gather in Richmond.

Although the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce and other commercial organizations of Richmond to secure for this city the session of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association in 1909 were unavailing, the body, for business reasons, determining to sit next in New York City, the local committee has every reason to hope that it can land the great textile convention for the following year. In fact, the board of governors of the association has determined to make this its meeting place, and will hold its next session here at the Jefferson Hotel in November.

Coming to Richmond. Business Manager Danby, of the Chamber of Commerce, has received the following letter from the board of Philadelphia, chairman of the board:

"As chairman of the board of governors of our association, I beg to state that we fully appreciate the sincerity and earnestness of the kind invitation to secure for this city the session of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association in November. We are glad to hear that the next meeting of the association will be held in Richmond at the Jefferson Hotel."

The local committee on conventions regards the association as one of the most important commercial bodies that have been secured for this city, and an opportunity to strengthen Richmond's position with the cotton manufacturers of America.

Tobacco Men to Meet Here.

Through the influence of the Chamber of Commerce, the United Tobacco Manufacturers' Association, a national organization of six hundred or more members will assemble at the Jefferson Auditorium October 5th, 6th and 7th.

AS TO BASEBALL SALARIES.

Western Writer Has Something to Say About Purchase Prices.

To the uninitiated the notices that have been published from time to time concerning phenomenal figures paid for baseball players have created the impression that baseball managers must be on the verge of insanity, says a Western writer.

The innocent reader who sees that \$11,000 has been paid for a player who has never been in fast company but part of a season, wonders how it is that managers will take the chances of buying untried players for such a large amount of money. They probably do not know that there is a good-sized string attached to the deal. Managers demand for these high-priced deals that they shall deliver the goods, and they can do so, they do not purchase.

In other words, baseball players are bought and paid for on the installment plan. In the case of a pitcher, for instance, if he wins a certain number of games, a certain percentage of the purchase price is handed over, and in the case of an in or outfielder, a part of his purchase price is paid after he has shown that he is not a four-dasher. The enormous amounts paid for baseball players largely belong to the same class of enormous amounts paid to actors and actresses.

ELLYSON AND PARTY

HAVING GOOD TIME

Letters received in Richmond from Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Ellyson announce the arrival of his party in London after a comfortable trip across the Atlantic on the steamship, Marconia. All those in Mr. Ellyson's party were reported to be in excellent health and spirits. They will return to Richmond about the end of this month.

Action Deferred.

Owing to the small attendance, caused by the inclement weather, action in the matter of extending a call to a new pastor was deferred at the congregational meeting of the Immanuel Baptist Church yesterday morning. Another meeting will be held in a short time.

UP-TOWN BOY IN
ENEMY'S LAND

East End Clans Pursue Dutiful Lad, and Mother Appeals to Police.

Tompkins, who is young, white and small, comes from the uptown section, and the Church Hill clans have it in for him. When he visits his aunt on the Hill, the leader sounds the call to arms, and the clans turn out to a man. Tompkins is pretty game for his size, but he deems discretion the better part of valor, a characteristic of great minds, and generally takes to his heels. But occasionally his pursuers reach him, and Tompkins returns home sometimes battered and bruised. As an "uptown cat" whatever that is, he stood little show, single-handed, against his enemies.

He visited his aunt again last night, and stayed out rather late. Fearing for his safety, his mother telephoned the police, and an officer was sent to escort the boy to the car. He arrived home sound and well, as he reached the corner his tormentors behind him struck up that familiar refrain, "There's no place like home, sweet home; but I'm afraid to go home in the dark."

RICHMOND DENTIST INVENTS

NEW TOOTH-HOLDING CLAMP

Among the recent patents which have been obtained on inventions by Richmonders is a tooth-holding clamp, devised by a prominent dentist of this city. The invention is a decided departure in dentistry, and it is said, will prove invaluable to members of that profession. Heretofore the dentist has had to hold a false tooth in his hand while in the act of grinding it into the desired shape and though this has long been recognized as an awkward method, it was the only known way of doing the work.

The new machine which is simple in construction, consists of an eight-pointed star. Each point is so arranged that when screwed down it firmly clamps the tooth upon which the work is being done. In this way the dentist can work upon six teeth at the same time.

By the use of this instrument the dentist avoids the annoyance of repairing broken dentures and the patient the expense and incident thereto, as with this instrument the pins or fastenings are protected against mutilation.

MADE GOOD RACE, BUT

OFFICERS CAUGHT HIM

Clarence Stanford was enjoying a quiet little game of crap yesterday afternoon with several of his boon companions when Officers Kringle and Miller appeared on the scene. The party immediately adjourned, and stayed not either to pick up the dice or the pennies. "It's time to light out," said one, and they lit.

Clarence was not quite as fleet of foot as his friends. He dodged up the stairs and around corners, but the officers ever drew closer. He jumped two fences, but they were right after him. He kept on running, but when his pursuers had gained on him enough to ruin his hope of escape he turned, and they nabbed him. They complimented him on the good race he had run and locked him up.

Wyatt-Hicks. Mr. C. N. Wyatt, Jr., and Miss Dora Hicks were quietly married Tuesday. The Rev. Dr. J. B. Hutson, of Pine Street Baptist Church, officiating.

The wedding was to take place some time ago, but was postponed on account of the illness of the groom's mother, who died before the ceremony could be performed.

Mr. Wyatt is a well-known young business man. His bride is a very attractive and talented young lady. They are at present making their home at No. 1720 West Beverly Street.

Jos. Lance to Pay Penalty.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., August 9.—Jos. Lance, who shot and killed Alma Green, aged fourteen, from a passing train at Buena Vista last December, was found guilty of manslaughter in the criminal court after the jury had been out two hours.

The evidence in the trial sets forth that Lance, while under the influence of liquor, had fired his revolver through the car window, saying at the same time: "Watch me make that girl bloom."

The bullet struck the girl, who had come to the station to see her uncle, an engineer, in the heart, and she fell dead in her brother's arms. Sentence will be passed Monday morning.

CRACKED NEGRO'S
HEAD WITH HAMMER

Man Lay Unconscious in Street For Some Time—May Die From Wound.

In a street fight late on Saturday night, Walsh Thompson, colored, of No. 1118 North Thirty-first Street, was struck in the head with a hammer, and may die as the result of the blow. His skull was fractured at the base, and he lay unconscious for some time. He was attended by Dr. Eggleston, of the city ambulance corps, and was later taken to the Memorial Hospital. It was stated last night that his recovery was doubtful.

EXPECTS TO RAISE LARGE
SUM FOR HAMPTON-SIDNEY

Professor William H. Whiting, acting president of Hampton-Sidney College, who has been traveling through Southwest Virginia and North Carolina in the interest of the proposed new endowment fund for the college, is registered at the Hotel Richmond. Though it will not be possible to raise \$100,000 by the opening of the coming term, Professor Whiting says that good progress has been made to date in securing the fund, and expects to be able to realize more than the total amount within the course of next session. He leaves this morning for his country home in Clarke county.

RAILROAD FIREMEN TO
HOLD MEETING HERE

Beginning this morning at 10 o'clock the annual meeting of the joint protective board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen of the Chesapeake and Ohio system, will be held at Gilbert's Hotel, to continue two days. The delegation will reach this city on an early train this morning, and will take up its business soon after. The officers of the protective board are Messrs. W. E. Eakin, of Clifton Forge, chairman; J. C. Coleman, of Hinton, W. Va., vice-chairman, and E. C. Clark, of Clifton Forge, secretary and treasurer. These, together with five other members of the brotherhood, compose the body.

Has the Itching Palm.

Martha Ann Taylor, better known as Bunk Stokes, was arrested for the one-thirtieth time yesterday, when she was taken in on a charge of stealing a razor, a coat and a hat from Charles Ellis. Bunk has the itching palm, and a highly aggravated case of kleptomania. A plunger she can't be beat, but she has the falling of sometimes being caught.

CHARGED WITH INSULTING
LADY AT BALL GAME

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., August 9.—Thomas Lyon, whose home is said to be in Durham, is locked up here on the charge of offering an insult to the daughter of a prominent citizen during the ball game between Winston and Greensboro yesterday afternoon.

A brother of the girl assaulted Lyon, bruising his face considerably before the men were separated. Lyon gave bail after his arrest, but when the bondsman learned the nature of the charge he promptly withdrew the bond.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Partly cloudy and slightly warmer Monday; Tuesday partly cloudy, variable winds.

North Carolina—Partly cloudy Monday, slightly warmer in eastern portion; Tuesday fair, light to fresh winds, mostly southwest.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 8 P. M., Eastern Standard Time.)	Temp.	Humidity.	Wind.
Asheville	68	74	Clear
Augusta	78	86	Clear
Atlanta	72	76	Clear
Chicago	72	72	Clear
Cincinnati	76	80	P. cloudy
Davenport	66	74	Rain
Hartford	72	86	P. cloudy
Indianapolis	78	86	Rain
Kansas City	82	86	Clear
New Orleans	82	86	Rain
Oklahoma City	88	88	Clear
Pittsburg	72	76	Cloudy
Raleigh	68	74	Rain
Savannah	74	88	Rain
Norfolk	70	78	Rain
Tampa	80	86	Rain
Washington	78	70	Rain
Yellowstone	72	88	Cloudy

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sun rises...5:23
Sun sets...7:08
Moon sets...5:58

High tide...August 10, 1908.
Morning...5:43
Evening...5:20

MOVEMENT FOR TAFT
AMONG VIRGINIANSYELLING CROWD
PURSUED THIEF

Unable to Unwind Wordy Tan-
gle, Police Sergeant Locked
Everybody Up.

Pursued by five of his friends, whom he is alleged to have robbed in a crap game, Ifrey Shelton, colored, who was slashed in the throat about a week ago, ran into the First Police Station at 5 o'clock yesterday morning and begged for help. His tormentors stood on the outside a few minutes holding a council of war. Then they, too, marched on, and in the laboring of the ensuing Sergeant Holdcraft thought he was being visited by a contingent from Coxey's army. Ifrey wanted to have his friends arrested, and they wanted to swear out warrants against him. The sergeant turned the tables on them, and every mother's son was locked up on a charge of disorderly conduct and fighting in the street.

It seems that Ifrey and four of his boon companions had foregathered in Kneebone's shack for a quiet little game with the bones. They threw them fast and furiously. "Come leben, come leben," was wafted forth upon the still night air in a sonorous and continuous refrain.

When the game was at its height, and there were \$5, or thereabouts, in the pot, Ifrey, it is alleged, grabbed up the whole pile and made a rush for the door. Kneebone limped after him, and the others joined in the chase. Furniture broke itself, and the atmosphere all around Ifrey's head as he hit it out on the pike. One of the crowd reached for him with a razor, and Shelton's already highly adorned face received more decoration.

"Quit your fooling!" he yelled, and the clatter of his No. 10's sounded like a falling round of bricks. He dodged around the corners and made a dive for the station, where he received comfort and consolation. He was sewed up by a physician, and then put to bed in a cell.

COMMISSIONER SARGENT ILL
AS RESULT OF FALL

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 9.—Frank P. Sargent, commissioner-general of the Bureau of Immigration, and a resident in this city from nervous shock as the result of a fall at Sheperdstown, W. Va. where he was spending his summer vacation, recently he paid little or no attention to his duties at the time, and returned here to resume his duties, but three weeks ago he was forced to take to his bed. His condition is somewhat better to-night.

Charged With Grave Crime.

BRISTOL, VA., August 9.—Dave Hout, nineteen years old, was brought to Marion, Va., to-day, under heavy guard, charged with committing an assault upon the seven-year-old child of J. W. Gass, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Broadford, Va. There is much excitement at Broadford, as well as at Marion. Holly waived preliminary hearing and is in jail at the latter place, where a large guard was placed over him to prevent violence being done.

Theatrical Men Organizing.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW YORK, August 9.—The sub-committee of the committee of the organization of the union theatrical men met yesterday at the New Amsterdam Theatre. Tentative plans of organization will not be announced for ten days at least. The committee of organization consists of Marc Klaw, E. F. Albee, Lee Shubert, Percy G. Williams, Ralph Scribner, Martin Beck, J. H. Huston, J. J. Murdoch, M. C. Anderson and H. Fehr.

MEETING IN NEW YORK
TO PROMOTE PROSPERITY

NEW YORK, August 9.—The Commercial Travelers' Interstate Prosperity Congress will be held in New York City Friday and Saturday, under the auspices of the Travelers' Protective Association and the United Commercial Travelers. The travelers are endeavoring to promote a feeling of confidence and optimism throughout the country. Saturday has been set aside by the Women's League, of New York State, as "Prosperity Day," when employers will be urged to increase the number of their employees.

Miss Little V. Randall will leave to-day to spend some time in the mountains of Virginia.

THIEF WATCHED
EXCITED CROWD
SEARCH FOR HIM

Crawled From Under Carpet and Resumed Work When People Left; Manchester's Dog Situation.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1102 Hull Street.

The pleasant neighborhood of Goat Hill, in the township of Manchester, was rudely awakened between 2 and 3 o'clock yesterday morning by the report of a shot gun fired from an upper window at the home of Mr. Chas. Brown.

The midnight stillness being accompanied by frequent cries of "thief" and loud and repeated calls for help, the drowsy populace came tumbling out to the rescue, more liberally provided with arms than with apparel. Some of the holders among the party, who happened also to be sufficiently dressed to appear in public, entered the home of Mr. Brown, where they instituted a thorough search for the burglar.

While this proceeding was in progress within, the entire premises was encircled on the outside by a crowd of remarkable figures. Half-clad men were seen darting from the moonlight into the shadow, some armed with force to the other with stones, some in their night shirts, while others were carefully wrapped up in blankets. More than one pair of bare feet waited impatiently in the dark while the searchers were at their work.

About 6 o'clock, no burglar being found, the neighborhood again returned to its rest, but Mr. Brown was still unsatisfied. For this reason he placed a chair by his window, and here he kept vigil until dawn.

Just as day was breaking the heavy eyes of Mr. Brown encountered the most extraordinary vision. He could not tell whether he was asleep or awake, yet he distinctly saw his new parlor carpet, rolled up into a mighty bundle, moving majestically out from the house, and, at the same time, Mr. Brown had again raised the cry of "thief," at which he distinctly saw a man slip from the moving roll of carpet and make off hastily into Chesterfield field.

It was later learned that the thief had remained in the house during the entire time in which the searching party was at work, and that he had eluded capture by concealing himself under a large pile of carpets.

Mr. Brown recovered his carpet, but lost his man, the thief making off in the early light.

Mass-Meeting To-Night. When the largest political gathering called in this city for many years will assemble to-night for the purpose of organizing a Manchester Bryan-Kern Club.

Just as the session will be called as yet remains uncertain. It is safe to say, however, that it will be either assembled at the courthouse or at Toney's Hall.

It is estimated by those in a position to know that the several hundred sovereigns will gather at the meeting, where public enthusiasm and demonstration will be unconfined, and where a strong prominent political organization will be perfected.

Ask who the man who is to be chosen president of the club, public opinion seems divided. Several names of prominent local politicians, any one of which would be popular with the people, have been suggested.

With reference to the place of meeting no definite decision had been arrived at to 12 o'clock last night. Councilman D. L. Toney had tendered the use of his hall on Hull Street, while some were inclined to consider the cathedral convenient and commodious and better adapted to a large political gathering.

It has now been definitely decided that the Bryan-Kern Club of Manchester will not take a single step without the approval of the organization, once perfected, will become a permanent and durable association of Democratic voters.

Dread Day of Doom for Dogs.

Yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Chief of Police Lipscomb, a City Councilman, Policeman Waymack and the present writer, set out to the Police Station discussing dogs. The rain was falling dismally outside when Chief Lipscomb turned his head, and observed: "Waymack, the great day of doom for dogs is dawning; polish up your shining shoes, for there will be something doing in the near future."

The chief then went on to explain that, without counting an estimated 400 vagrant pups, there were many dogs in the city so improperly muzzled that, properly speaking, they were not muzzled at all.

The chief here directed the reporter to warn the people that only recognized and standard muzzles would be tolerated. "No home-made halters will protect a canine's throat, and it is best that the public should be told this in the beginning."

Officer Waymack here informed the chief that he had a friend who owned a dog whose head had been done up in a bit of old newspaper, and that this would be considered as a sufficient safeguard. Chief Lipscomb replied in the negative.

The newspaper reporter, for his part, notified the chief that while walking on Hull Street, he had encountered a dog whose head was tied up in a bag, and that there were two holes in the bag, cut for the eyes of the dog, but the bag had become twisted and the dog accordingly had gone blind.

"We," said the chief, "since yesterday I am prepared to believe anything. Yesterday, as I was coming downtown, I met a dog with his muzzle tied on to his tail. I asked a small boy who the dog belonged to, and he told me that the dog was the property of a blind man, and that its owner had probably gotten hold of the wrong end."

Chief Lipscomb said that the police were hurrying forward preparations to deal with the dog question. It has been fifteen or sixteen years since the last dog-catching force worked in Manchester, and for this reason new nets and paraphernalia are to be provided. According to the chief, all dogs will be executed by being shot to death in the jail yard, after which they will be transported in city carts to some suitable spot for burial.

The chief also explained that no muzzle which permitted a dog to open its jaws showing a half-inch would be considered as a proper or sufficient safeguard, and all dogs so harnessed would be captured.

Since the "dog ordinance" went into effect a number of residents have been attacked whereby the law might be complied with, as a result of which the dog population has grown exceedingly grotesque in the noxious display in headgear.